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Applicant: Brian DONOVAN

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Title: ZERO OVERHEAD COMPUTER INTERRUPTS WITH TASK  
SWITCHING

AMENDMENT

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May 10, 2002

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the office action mailed November 2, 2001, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

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Rewrite claims 2, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 as follows.

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B1  
2. A method for ordering the performance of tasks in a computer system, said computer system having input sources that issue interrupt signals for requesting the performance of a task, said method comprising:

(a) providing an integrated circuit having circuit components for